MBA NEWS and VIEWS

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If the ease with which our students and faculty accomplished registration and concluded the first week of school is any indication, the 1985-1986 academic year should be one of M.B.A.'s finest. By 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, the day classes began, every student was in class and ready to begin work. Of course, it takes a while for the body chemistry to adjust to specific schedules, bells, and more bells. Moreover, the first week invariably feels as if it has ten school days rather than four. However, we're off and running.

From time to time, I feel we all lose sight of the present in anticipation of the future. We find ourselves directing our attention toward tomorrow or reliving yesterday. I ask you to read the following paragraphs, given to us by a former student, particularly in light of your relationship with your son:

THE STATION

By: Robert J. Hastings

Tucked away in our subconscious is an idyllic vision. We see ourselves on a long trip that spans the continent. We are traveling by train. Out the windows we drink in the passing scene of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at a crossing, of cattle grazing on a distant hillside, of smoke pouring from a power plant, of row upon row of corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of mountains and rolling hillsides, of city skylines and village halls.

But, uppermost in our minds is the final destination. On a certain day at a certain hour we will pull into the station. Bands will be playing and flags waving. Once we get there so many wonderful dreams will come true, and the pieces of our lives will fit together like a completed jigsaw puzzle. How restlessly we pace the aisles, damming the minutes for loitering - waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"When we reach the station, that will be it!" we cry. "When I'm 18. "When I buy a new 450 SL Mercedes Benz!" "When I put the last kid through college." "When I have paid off the mortgage!" "When I get a promotion." "When I reach the age of retirement, I shall live happily ever after!"

Sooner or later we must realize there is no station, no one place to arrive at once and for all. The true joy of life is the trip. The station is only a dream. It constantly out-distances us.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto when coupled with Psalm 118:24..."This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.," It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad. It is the regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who rob us of today.

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, climb more mountains, eat more ice cream, go barefoot more often, swim more rivers, watch more sunsets, laugh more, cry less. (Give your boy some of you today). Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

Gordon S. Bonderant
Headmaster

MR. POSTON FULL-TIME IN READING AND COUNSELING

Mr. Jim Poston, a member of the M.B.A. faculty since 1969 and a highly respected teacher of English and tennis coach, has assumed new responsibilities for the 1985-86 academic year. No longer teaching English, Mr. Poston will devote his full time during the academic day to working with students who have reading problems, be they comprehension, speed, organization, or a combination of all. He is testing all students in an effort to find those who are deficient in some reading skills. This effort will also let him know how much progress has been made since the student was admitted to M.B.A. Those students who are weak in some areas of reading will have an individualized program to follow so that skills can be strengthened. Students are encouraged to come to the reading lab on their own to work on speed, vocabulary, and comprehension. If any parent has a question, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Poston.

In guidance and counseling, Mr. Poston will be working with the high-school students and Mr. Luther Killian with seventh and eighth graders. The purpose of the program is to help each student maximize his potential by identifying strengths and weaknesses and bringing about improvement through testing, individual conferences, group meetings, and referrals when the need arises. In academic work, Mr. Poston will set up a tutor pool of students so that a student having problems in an academic area may receive help from a fellow student. A student also is encouraged to see the counselor if he has a problem or if he feels one of his friends has a serious problem. The counselors will work in strictest confidence.

TEST DATES TO REMEMBER

WHO?	WHAT?	WHEN?	REGISTRATION CLOSES
All sophomores and all juniors	PSAT	October 22	Automatic by M.B.A.
Some seniors	ACT	October 26	September 27
Seniors	SAT	November 2	September 27
Many seniors	Achievement Tests	December 7	November 1
All juniors	SAT	March 15	February 7
Some juniors	ACT	April 12	March 14
Many juniors	Achievement Tests	May 3	March 28
Some 9th & 10th Science Students	Achievement Tests	June 7	May 2

WHERE? PSAT - Taken at M.B.A. by ALL sophomores and juniors Tuesday morning, Oct. 22. It cannot be taken at any other time, so it is very important that every sophomore and junior be at school and on time that day. Booklets to help in preparation for the test will be given to each student at least three weeks prior to the test.

SAT, ACHIEVEMENT TESTS, ACT - David Lipscomb usually has the best testing conditions. Early registration helps get one's choice of test center. Registration materials available now from Mr. White.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

The attached athletic schedule, hopefully, will provide you with a calendar for fall interscholastic events. We encourage as many parents as possible to attend these events. They boys know when their parents, relatives, or friends are present. Just as we encourage teachers to attend these games, we hope you will be able to attend.

NEW TEACHERS WILL MAKE AN IMPACT

Several new teachers have been recruited for the Montgomery Bell Academy faculty this year. Not only are they highly qualified in their particular disciplines but each will bring a significant contribution to the larger mission of Montgomery Bell Academy as we seek to prepare our boys for college while we provide a stimularing, challenging, and healthy environment for now. We welcome the following new teachers:

DR. WAYNE BATTEN - Dr. Batten graduated from the University of Wyoming, where he received both his baccalaureate and Master's degrees. He received his Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University and has been a teaching Fellow and Lecturer in the Department of English at Vanderbilt since 1973. Dr. Batten is teaching English.

MR. FLOYD ELLIOTT _ Mr. Elliott graduated from Tennessee Tech prior to becoming a member of the M.B.A. staff as a teacher of math and a coach in 1977. He left M.B.A. in 1981 to teach and coach at Gallatin High School and later at Page High School where he was also the Head Football Coach. Mr. Elliott will be teaching seventh-grade math and coaching.

MR. RANDY HENDERSON - Mr. Henderson is a 1980 graduate of Montgomery Bell Academy and a 1984 graduate of Princeton University. He has been in graduate school this past year. He will be teaching English and coaching.

MR. HENRY HOPPING - Mr. Hopping graduated from the University of the South in 1985. He has spent two summers teaching at the very fine Choate-Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Connecticut. He will be teaching eighth-grade history and word wealth and coaching.

MR. BRAD LEACH - Mr. Leach graduated from the College of Wooster and received his Master's degree in geology from Vanderbilt University. He will be teaching eighth-grade earth science and coaching.

MR. TOM MOORE - Mr. Moore is another M.B.A. alumnus of the Class of 1980 and a 1985 graduate of Vanderbilt University, with a major in history along with an illustruous football career. He will be teaching seventh-grade history and coaching.

MRS. CAROL STEELE _ Mrs. Steels is a graduate of Middle Tennessee University and has been a teacher at St. Ann's School for the last several years. She will be teaching reading and word wealth to our seventh graders.

We welcome these faculty members and look forward to their many contributions to our school.

A MULTITUDE OF SENIORS ARE MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

The National Merit Corporation has recently recognized twenty-one plus two M.B.A. students - the highly selected designation of being National Merit Semifinalists. The Semifinalists represent the highest scorers on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (the SATs) administered at the beginning of the junior year. Nationwide, the Semifinalists represent about ½ of 1% of the high-school seniors. Twenty-one students are currently seniors at M.B.A. Two other students entered M.B.A. as seventh graders and left at the beginning or during their junior year, about the time the tests were administered. The present M.B.A. honorees are:

Nick Anton	Sean Curry	Rob Page
Scott Bennett	Jeff Dillon	Scott Pearson
Pat Bowers	Bryan Donnell	John-Lindell Pfeffer
Chuck Brandon	Jim Gardner	Ronnie Po
Carter Brothers	Tom Hsueh	Jeff Reynolds
Robby Bueno	John Jenkins	Michael Starr
Bobby Crants	Willie Lin	Morgan Wills

CONGRATULATIONS !!

DEBATERS ARE BUSY IN THE SUMMER

The M.B.A. debate and forensic program is a twelve-month endeavor. Many students found the workshops this summer to their liking and attended for two, three, four, or five weeks in order to improve their speaking skills. At American University, held in conjunction with Georgetown, were: Madison Laird, Niku Wasudev, Paul Kahlon, Braxton Perkins. At Bradley University was Jeff Fracé; at Dartmouth College were Warren Sprouse, Rob Page, and Tom Gutow; at Michigan were Tom Rogers and Madison Laird; at Northwestern were John Joe and T.A. McKinney; at Ripon College were Guy Logan and Jeff Fracé; at Samford University were Brad Griffin, Christopher Handte, Jeff Joe, and Jay Kahlon; and at Wake Forest were Chris Ptomey, Scott Boone, and Sean Dudley.

Varsity Debate - After a very busy summer attending debate institutes at a number of colleges and universities throughout the country, M.B.A. varsity debaters look forward to another successful year, hopefully successfully defending as Tennessee State Champions. Anchored by seniors Warren Sprouse, Paul Kahlon, Niku Wasudev, Rob Page, and Madison Laird, the team enjoys fine senior leadership and has great depth among the junior varsity members. The varsity team will travel to Wake Forest University on September 20 to begin the season.

Student Congress - M.B.A. boys joined fourteen other schools at the National Forensic League Student Congress held Saturday, September 7, at the State Capitol. Scott Bennett and Pat Frazier served as senators in the mock legislative two-session event. Those who participated in the House of Representatives from M.B.A. were Jeff Fracé, Charlie Reasor, Jim Gardner, Guy Logan, Paul Lentz, and Andy Crowe.

At the end of the sessions a "Most Outstanding Senator" was selected by fellow senators of the chambers. Scott Bennett of M.B.A. received this high honor.

Individual Events - The events team will begin the season at Ole Miss on September 27. Jeff Fracé and Scott Bennett both attended the National Speech Tournament last June as juniors. Scott will be involved again in extemporaneous speaking and after-dinner speaking while Jeff will be performing in the areas of humorous, dramatic, prose, and poetry interpretation.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Again this year National Forensic Leage President (M.B.A. chapter) will be John-Lindell Pfeffer. He will start the year in the one-on-one L-D format at Ole Miss on September 27.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER COMMITTEES BUSY ON PLANS

Every M.B.A. mother will be asked to assist in the planning and staging of the 41st Spaghetti Supper to be held October 18 in the Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium. Many committe leaders have been working for the last twelve months in preparation for this big event, and more and more mothers are getting involved. The chairmen this year are Sherri Chilton and Judy Kneeland. They have some exciting prizes to stimulate the students in their ticket sales. All of the money collected each year comes back to the school and pays for such important items as teacher professional advancement, vans for various teams, art and music supplies, campus speakers, the literary magazine, junior school activities, etc. Please plan on helping when you are called on.

WANTED FOR SPAGHETTI SUPPER

The M.B.A. Spaghetti Supper Committee needs to borrow two 20-pound propane tanks, the kind used with portable grills. If you have one to loan, please call:

Emma Thompson, 352-9316, or Nancy Hooper, 352-4229.

CHEERLEADERS ARE ALSO BUSILY PREPARING FOR 1985-86

This summer, the M.B.A. cheerleading squad attended a clinic presented by the National Cheerleaders Association at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. M.B.A. students who participated were: Steve Gilliland, Chris Sanders, Chip Blaufuss, Louis Graber, and Joe Rich. The girls representing M.B.A. were: Kristen Kirby (captain), Mimi Baker, Wendy Bryan, Katy Morrissey, Molly Reynolds, Chris Topley. Keeping a watchful eye on these young people and helping them prepare for evening evaluations were Miss Debbie Turner, a recent graduate of David Lipscomb and former cheerleader, and faculty sponsor Mr. Don Fisher. Miss Turner and co-sponsor Pat Malone worked extensively with the squad before and after the camp session.

For four days our cheerleaders were very active participants in a demanding schedule of teaching and evaluation stunts. They learned new sideline cheers and chants and the proper techniques for building pyramids and performing partner stunts. The enthusiasm of the squad members grew as the week progressed, for which they were awarded a spirit stick each of the last two days of the camp. A number of sponsors from other schools and camp counselors commented on the tremendous improvement shown by the squad members, particularly the boys, during the course of the four-day session. As a result of their hard work, the cheerleaders were presented one blue and two red ribbons during the evaluation ceremony.

The quality of the cheerleading has been abundantly evident. We appreciate a great deal the diligent work of M.B.A. mother Pat Malone, Don Fisher, and Debbie Turner in giving M.B.A. a cheerleading team that is respected. The Big Red Club, under the sponsorship of Dr. Nancye Thomas and Mr. Tom West, are also working hard and building excitement in order that the M.B.A. spirit may be sustained throughout the year.

*** REMINDERS ***

SEPTEMBER 8th to 28th

Media Variations

The Library
MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY
4001 Harding Road

Montgomery Bell Academy
Auxiliary Tea
Honoring New Members
and Faculty
Auxiliary Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
followed by the tea
Wednesday, September 18, 1985

SPAGHETTI SUPPER
October 18, 1985

PARENTS' NIGHTS

11th and 12th Grades....Thursday, September 26
9th and 10th Grades....Tuesday, October 1
7th and 8th Grades....Thursday, October 3

7:30 p.m. Wallace Hall

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE - FALL 1985

	FOOTBALL				CROSS COUNTRY		GOLF	
	VARSITY	J.V.	FRESHMAN	MICROBE	HIGH SCHOOL	JR. SCHOOL	VARSITY	
Tues. Sept.3							Hillwood @ McCabe 2:45	
Thurs. Sept.5							Lipscomb @ McCabe 3:45	
Fri. Sept.6	Antioch @ MBA 7:30							
Mon. Sept.9		McGavock @ MBA 4:30					Goodpasture @ Bluegrass	3:30
Tues. Sept.10							Ryan @ McCabe 3:15	
Thurs. Sept.12			Apollo @ Apollo 4:00	Ezell-Harding @ MBA 4:00		MBA, Brentwd Ensworth @ MBA 3:30	Nash.Christian @ McCabe 2:30	
Fri. Sept.13	Beech @ Beech 7:30							
Mon. Sept.16					Clarksv.N.W Stplechase 4:30			
Tues. Sept.17							Overton @ McCabe 3:15	
Wed. Sept.18							Pearl-Cohn McCabe 2:45	
Thurs. Sept.19			Overton @ Overton 4:00	BGA @ MBA 4:00		Northside Ensworth,MBA @ Northside 3:45	Ezell-Harding @ McCabe 2:45	
Fri. Sept.20	Hillwood @ Hillw.7:30							
Sat. Sept.21					Antioch Inv 2:00 Stplechase			
Mon. Sept.23		Hillwood @ MBA 4:30					Hendersonvl @ Bluegr 3:15	
Tues. Sept.24					Hillsb. UNS S.E.C.4:30		Franklin @ McCabe 3:00	
Wed. Sept.25							Brentwd.Acad. @ tba 3:30	
Thurs. Sept.26			Maplewood @ " 4:00	Ensworth @ " 3:30		MBA BGA/HH Ensworth @ MBA 3:30	F.R.A. @ McCabe 3:15	
Fri. Sept.27	Dickson Co. @ MBA 7:30						Ryan,Notre Dame @ tba 12:00	
Sat. Sept.28				SEC 3:00	A.F.Bridges Inv. Stplechase			
Tues. Oct. 1					Dickson Co. Ft.Campbell @ Dickson Co. 4:00		Glencliff @ McCabe 1:30	
Wed. Oct. 2							Brentwd.Acad. @ Richland 3:30	
Thurs. Oct.3			Hillsboro @ MBA 4:00	Nash.Christian @ " 4:30		MBA,FRA, BGA/HH @ MBA 3:30	Hillsboro @ McCabe 3:00	
Fri. Oct.4	Pearl-Cohn @ " 7:30							
Sat. Oct.5					Lexington Inv. 10:00			
Mon. Oct.7							Dist.Tour. @ McCabe	
Tues. Oct.8				F.R.A. @ " 4:00	Pearl-Cohn SEC 4:30			
Thurs. Oct.10			Hillwood @ MBA 4:00			Championship Run @ Northside 3:30		
Fri. Oct.11	Glencliff @ " 7:30			Northwide @ MBA 4:00				
Mon. Oct.14		Glencliff @ MBA 4:30					Regional @ McCabe	
Thurs. Oct.17			Glencliff @ MBA 4:00		NIL Championship Stplechase 4:00			
Fri. Oct.18	Hillsboro @ MBA 7:30							
Mon. Oct.21		Hillsboro @ 4:30						
Tues. Oct.22							State Tourn Two Rivers	
Wed. Oct.23							State Tourn Two Rivers	
Thurs. Oct.24			Father Ryan @ MBA 4:00	Goodpasture @ " 4:00				
Fri. Oct.25	Ryan @ MBA 7:30							
Sat. Oct.26					Regional Meet Stplechase 2:00			
Fri. Nov.1	Overton @ " 7:30				State Meet			